

# Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge

## *Hunting Regulations — Boardman, Paterson, Ridge and Whitcomb Units*



**Hunting is permitted in accordance with state regulations (Oregon – [www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/); Washington – [wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/regulations/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/regulations/)) and special refuge regulations.**

***Open to Hunting*** – Goose, duck, coot, dove, snipe, doves and all upland game birds.

***Closed to Hunting*** – All other species of wildlife not listed are protected. Examples include elk, bear, snakes, raven, crow, coyote, turkey and rabbits.

***Dove Hunting*** – Dove hunting for all species is only allowed during the state mourning dove season.

***Deer Hunting*** – Deer hunting is allowed on the Paterson and Whitcomb (including Crow Butte Island) Units with a special permit issued by Washington State. These permits allow the use of muzzleloader or archery, depending on the special permit successfully drawn, in accordance with State law. The permit specifies the dates of the hunt.

***Sanctuary Closure Area*** – ALL islands within the Columbia River are closed to all access. Hunting is only allowed along the shoreline between the mouth of Glade Creek (Navigation Marker 57) and the old town site of Paterson (Navigation Marker 67), along the Columbia River and its backwaters.

***Days Open to Bird Hunting*** – The Boardman and Ridge Units are open daily. The Paterson and Whitcomb Units are Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and all federal holidays within the state seasons.

***Hours*** – The refuge is open for hunting access from 1-1/2 hours before legal hunting time to 1-1/2 hours after legal hunting time.

***Upland Game Bird Hours*** – On Whitcomb Island, upland game birds may only be hunted from 12:00 noon until the close of state hunt hours. All other areas are per State legal hunting hours.

***General Public Entry*** – For non-hunters, the refuge is open from sunrise to sunset in those areas open for public use.

***Firearms, Archery, Ammunition & Shell Limits*** – Only shotguns and archery are permitted. Only federally approved non-toxic shot may be used or possessed for shotguns. Hunters are limited to the use or possession of 25 shells per day for hunting.

***Blinds*** – Only portable or temporary blinds constructed of non-living natural materials are permitted. Digging or using pit blinds is not permitted.

***Vehicle Travel*** – All vehicles, including bicycles, are restricted to designated motorized routes of travel and parking areas.

***Boats (also see state regulations)*** – On the Boardman, Paterson and Whitcomb Units, boats may only be used for hunting in designated areas of the Columbia River and its backwaters. On the Ridge Unit, hunting from boats is prohibited; hunting must be from the land.

***Dogs*** – Dogs must be kept on leashes, except during the lawful pursuit of game during legal seasons.

### **Selected Prohibited Activities**

- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting
- The baiting of any wildlife
- Fires
- Overnight camping on refuge
- Overnight parking
- Littering (including empty shotgun hulls)
- Commercial guiding for hunting
- Abandoning, discarding, or otherwise leaving personal property
- Target shooting
- Discharging any firearm within one-quarter mile of any maintained building
- Trapping or netting

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